



FirstNet in North Carolina

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What is the need?

Priority Communications for Emergency Responders



Improve the reliability and resiliency of wireless broadband connectivity



Provide prioritized access to emergency responders over the general public



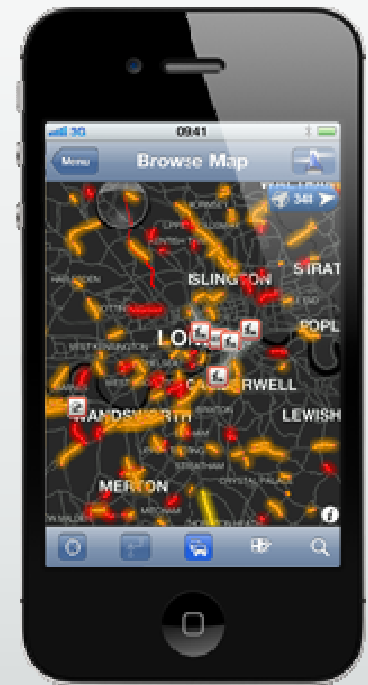
Expand coverage into rural areas while increasing capacity in urban areas



Introducing FirstNet



- The Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 establishes responsibility for building and operating a Nationwide Public Safety Wireless Broadband System
- The First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) was created as an independent authority under the National Telecommunications & Information Agency (NTIA)
- FirstNet is responsible for overseeing a new nationwide wireless network
- The term FirstNet is used in reference to both the federal entity as well as the nationwide network



What is FirstNet?



4G LTE is 10X
faster than 3G wireless service

- ✓ DATA, VIDEO, IMAGE & TEXT
- ✓ HIGH SPEED
- ✓ PRIORITIZED FOR EMERGENCY RESPONDERS
- ✓ RELIABLE FOR ADVANCED COMMUNICATIONS

Who are the users?



Funding Deployment

Funding a Nationwide LTE Network



- \$6.5 Billion 'seed' money for deployment
 - Understood not to be enough to:
 - Build
 - Operate, and
 - Evolve a nationwide LTE Network
 - Funds received from FCC Auction

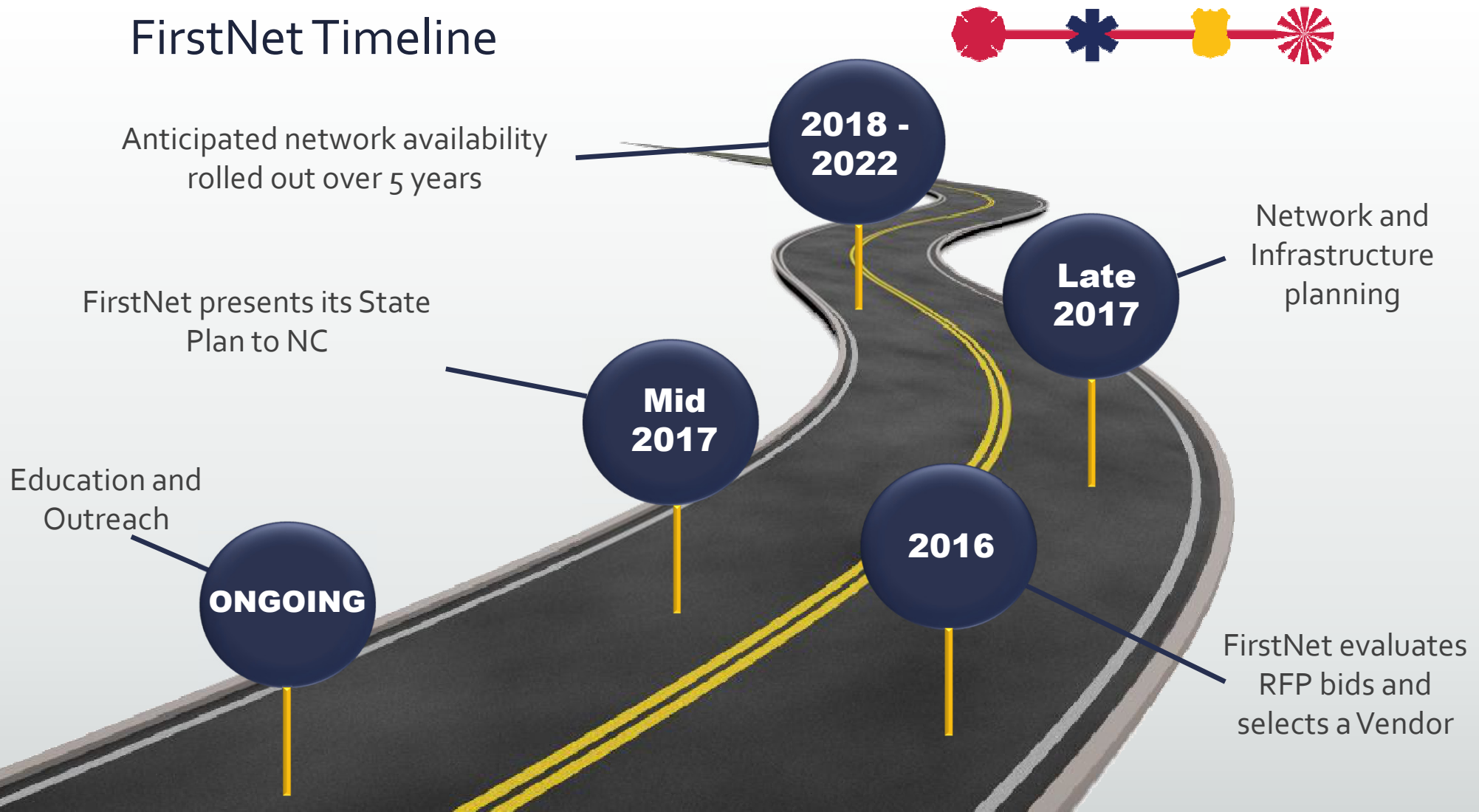
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Funding a Nationwide LTE Network



- Additionally:
 - Monthly Subscriber Fees
 - Competitive with current carriers
 - Leasing excess capacity to commercial users
 - 20 MHz of “prime” cellular spectrum
 - Public Safety will maintain priority

FirstNet Timeline



Putting FirstNetNC Together

What we've learned



Building Out

Rural and Urban built out concurrently

20% Build Out per year for 5 years

First Deployments in 2018

Projected between 4 million and 13 million public safety subscribers nationwide

Monthly subscription fee must be competitive

Covering the state

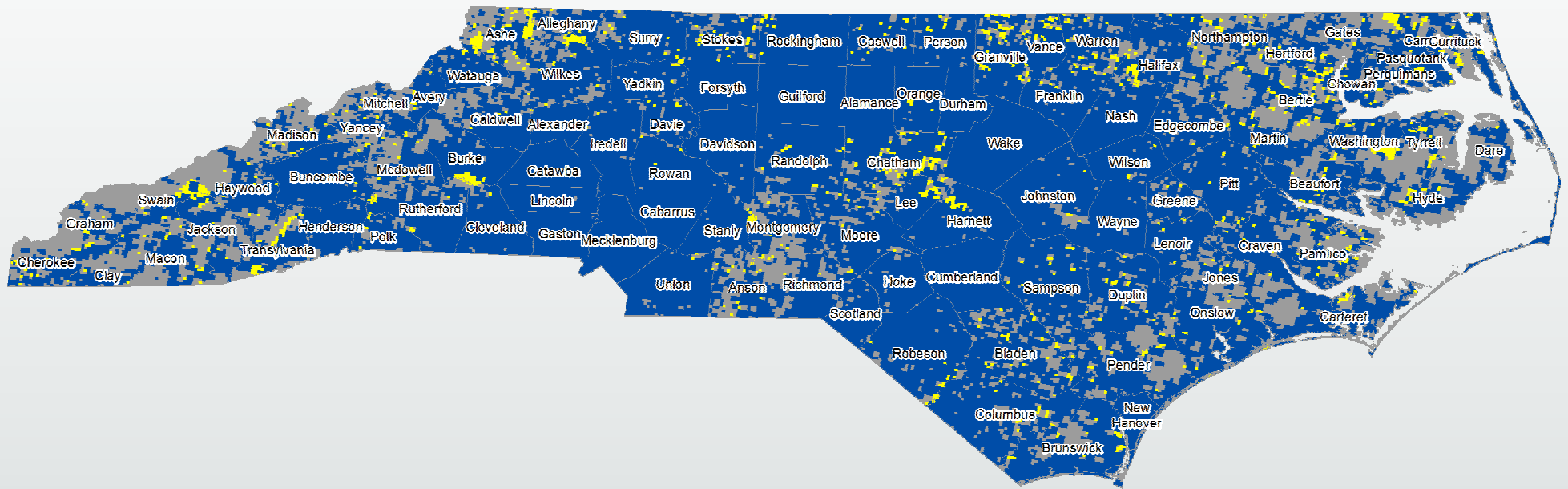


The challenge: Providing SUBSTANTIAL COVERAGE to 700+ emergency response agencies, 100 counties, and a federally recognized tribe in coverage areas including urban and rural

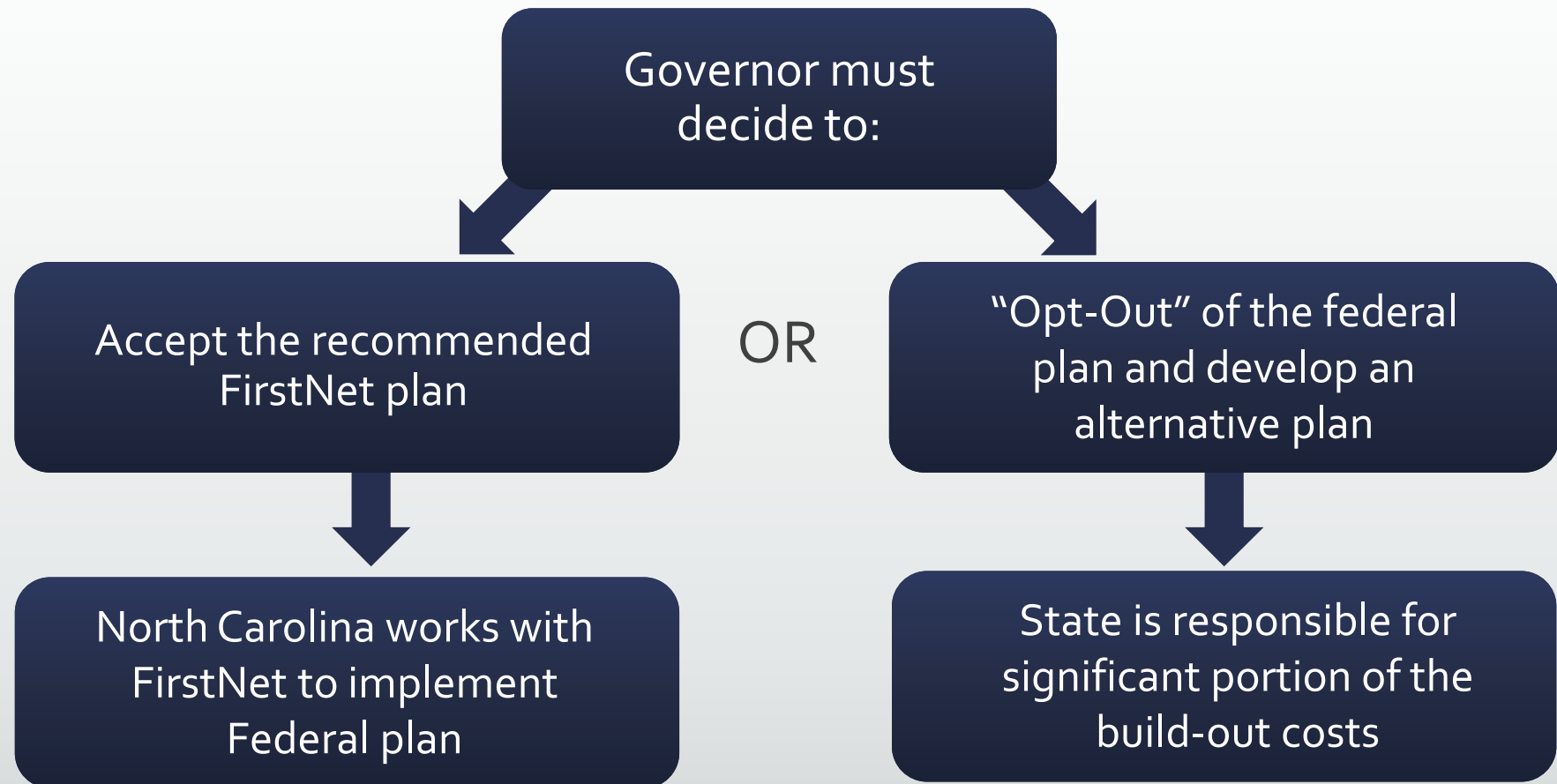
To meet this challenge, FirstNet will use land-based cellular, as well as satellite and deployable systems to provide coverage



Operational coverage needs



The State's Decision



The Adoption Decision



FirstNet service will be available to emergency responders in North Carolina regardless of the Governor's decision



Every agency will have their own decision to make about signing up for service with FirstNet



Individual Responder's might be able to sign up even if the agency does not

Common Questions & Concerns



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Is this a mandate?

No. Every emergency response agency will have the choice to join FirstNet when it is available. FirstNet plans to have a compelling service and price to encourage agencies to join.



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Who is going to build it?

FirstNet is using the federal RFP process to select a vendor.



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Will this replace my Land Mobile Radio?

No. There is work in the LTE standard to address “Mission Critical Voice” services but those standards are just being developed. This could take years to be rolled out to devices.

Continued planning and funding for today’s LMR is very important.



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Won't it take forever to build new towers?

The expressed intent to use existing infrastructure where possible will increase the speed of deployment in a cost effective manner. This is a part of the RFP evaluation that the federal FirstNet team will conduct.



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How will this effect NG911?

Next Generation 911 will connect Public Safety Answering Points (911 centers) with the public through an advanced network. Though these two networks are serving different purposes, FirstNet will need to be integrated with NG911 in order to be the most successful.



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